GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATE OF VILLAGES ON THE BORDERS OF WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government propose to take to rehabilitate villages situated on borders of various wildlife sanctuaries;

(b) whether the Government have noticed the damage to crops and human life caused by wildlife in various parts of the country;

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government; and

(d) whether fencing of wildlife sanctuaries has been proposed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) The Government of India encourages and supports voluntary relocation of only those villages as are situated inside the national parks and sanctuaries.

(b), (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. In order to mitigate the problem of crop damage and loss of human life caused by wild animals in various parts of the country the Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to state governments under Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, Project Elephant, Project Tiger and Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries. Proposals for erecting electric fencing over limited stretches of boundaries of national parks and sanctuaries as and where required have been received from time-to-time under these schemes.